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USFWS STEWARDSHIP 2000 PARTNERS FOR WILDLIFE ON PRIVATE LAND

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the United States is privately owned and contains three-fourths of the nation's remaining wetlands; and

WHEREAS, millions of water-associated animals depend upon this privately owned resource; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of the commercially important fish and shellfish harvested along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts and half of the Pacific Coast harvests are dependent upon estuarine wetlands (many privately owned) for some life requisites; and

WHEREAS, thirty-five percent of all threatened and endangered animal species and thirty-three percent of all threatened and endangered plant species are either associated with or depend upon wetlands; and

WHEREAS, wildlife habitat on private land faces the greatest threat to loss or degradation, as well as the greatest potential for positive change; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has developed a program "Stewardship 2000 Partners for Wildlife on Private Land" to help address these issues and opportunities;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies supports the Stewardship 2000 program and encourages adequate funding and implementation.